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coming from that perspective, I'm not in favor of making it even tighter. It just seems to me that that's a basic part of the law that should have been there from the beginning and should be the option and the right of every...of every county in the state. So I hope...I hope you can look at it from that perspective instead of from the perspective of, oh, they should have done something a year ago because they recognized the problem then. Well, some move faster than others. Sometimes consensus takes a long time in a democratic society. Why is it imperative that they should have acted at one moment in time? At any time when the county's ready to have zoning, they ought to be able to say so and they ought to be able to freeze the status quo until they've had a reasonable chance to look at the situation. So there should be strict guidelines on how long you can have interim zoning in place, obviously. Otherwise, it would be used as a ruse and a substitute. But I think that, along with the other protective divisions that...provisions that Senator Raikes and Senator Schimek have built into this bill ought to be enough and there should really not be any reason why we should be so strict with the counties on these time lines. As long as they're moving forward in a reasonable manner, which the other provisions of this bill allows for and provides for, who are we to say that they should move at exactly this speed or that speed? And we all know that a well-thought-out...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...comprehensive plan takes a lot of time and there can be a lot of discussion on each and every aspect of a plan like that, and it seems to me that there's no reason to require them to rush at this. After all, it's going to be there for a long, long time, and it's better to get it right in the first instance than to do it quickly and then have to revise it the next year and revise it the next year after that and so on and so forth. Stability and certainty in the law at the beginning, it seems to me, is a greater prize than...than getting it done and in place quickly. So being a little bit liberal with your interim zoning provisions I think is not a bad thing, but rather a good thing and a thing we should have put in place a long, long time ago. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. (Visitors